

Application No. 10/789,156
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-10 as follows:

The present invention relates to an image forming apparatus and an image forming method which is ~~preferable~~ preferably applicable to a color printer, a color digital copying machine, and a complex machine having an image area identification and adjustment function for identifying image areas and adjusting image data.

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 12-18 as follows:

In recent years, there ~~has~~ have often been cases in which tandem color printers, tandem copying machines, or complex machines are used. Each of these color image forming apparatuses comprises exposure means, developing devices, and photosensitive drums for yellow (Y), magenta (M), cyan (C), and black (BK) colors, and an intermediate transfer belt and a fixing device.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 30, lines 14-22 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 5, there is shown an image diagram of an illustrative display of the basic setting screen ~~P01~~ P1 on the operation panel 48. The basic setting screen P1 in Fig. 5 is displayed on the operation panel 48 after the power is turned on. The basic setting screen ~~P01~~ P1 comprises a message area AR1, a status icon display area AR2, a sheet count display area AR3, a various-icon display area AR4, a remaining memory area AR5, a folder button area AR6, and a screen setting display area AR7.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 12-26 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 6, there is shown an image diagram of an illustrative display of the image quality adjustment screen P2 on the operation panel 48. The image quality adjustment screen P2 in Fig. 6 is displayed on the operation panel 48 when the "image quality adjustment" key K1 is depressed being selected from the "applied setting" icon on the basic setting screen ~~P01~~ P1 shown in Fig. 5. A message such as "Select the setting item" is displayed on the image quality adjustment screen P2. For example, in the various-icon display area AR4, an "applied image quality" tag TG1 is displayed with "image quality adjustment." If the "applied image quality" tag TG1 is selected, the icon screen for the applied image quality P21 is displayed under the message area AR1 and the various-icon display area AR4.